

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gregory et. al.

Examiner: Dr. K. C. Carlson

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For:

NEW DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT METHODS
INVOLVING THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRANSMEMBRANE
REGULATOR

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.129(a) and 37 CFR 1.116

SIR:

Preliminary Consideration

The present application, Serial No. 08/087,132 was filed on July 2, 1993. On December 22, 1995, the Examiner mailed an Official Action, made final, wherein by all of the pending claims (Nos. 164-201) were rejected. Since the present application is a file wrapper continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 07/613,592, itself filed November 15, 1990, the application and the subject matter claimed therein have been effectively pending (under 35 USC §120) for more than a period of two years prior to June 8, 1995. Accordingly, the application is eligible for treatment under 37 CFR 1.129(a), "Transitional Procedures for Limited Examination After Final Rejection ...".

Applicants believe that the issues presented herein are appropriate for consideration by way of Advisory Actions under 37 CFR 1.116; however, in order to facilitate full consideration of all of Applicants' arguments, and such advice as the Examiner may wish to provide, it is requested that prosecution of the application proceed by way of Transitional After-Final Practice under 37 CFR